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- 1. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 6-141298, dated May 20, 1994;
- 2. "An Algorithm of MPEG2 Real Time Variable Bit Rate Video Coding with Quantizer Step", by Inada, et al., Information System Journal 2 C-11-3, p. 3, General Conference of the Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers in March, 1998; and

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3. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 10-164577, dated June 19, 1998.

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